

# North Shore Church News

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**Sunday Worship**

10:00am  
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)  
10:15am  
Music & Movement and  
Godly Fun

**Midweek Manna**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

***Congregational Fellowship***

I found myself in a conversation yesterday (I swear I was NOT the one who started it!) about the distinction between autonomy and independence in relation to the Congregational Way of being a Church. Without getting into the depths and details of how this conversation emerged, the heart of the dialog focused on the clear difference between the autonomy of our way and the siloed independency with which it is sometimes mistaken. While our way of being a church means we are self-governed congregations that are not subject to the authority or control of an external denominational structure, we are anything but isolated churches left to our own devices without the benefit of the support, care, wisdom and cooperation of the other Congregational churches that surround us.

There are, most certainly, churches that exist with that pure independence. There are churches all around who minister in ecclesiastical silos without any structural or systemic engagement with other communities of faith. That is a way of being the Church, but it is not the Congregational Way of being the Church. While we are autonomous, the fellowship that we share with our sister churches is at the heart of how we most effectively and meaningfully thrive as communities of faith, and our participation in that wider fellowship, while voluntary, is essential to what it means to be genuinely Congregational.

I bring this all up today because, in the next two months, there are two unique and wonderful opportunities for us to embrace this core part of our Congregational Way of being the Church!

## ***Congregational Fellowship continued...***

Just a matter of days after you read this message, the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Congregational Association will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. In addition to our annual business, Dr. Beth McCaw will lead us in reflections on 'The Church in Flight.' What are the new currents in the Church? Where does our missional compass point? Are we in crisis or opportunity? These are just a few of the critical questions we will explore, together, throughout the day. More information is available on page 8 of this newsletter, and I would encourage anyone who has interest to attend this meeting.

Then, in June, we have the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, which is being hosted by the Wisconsin Congregational Association in Brookfield, WI, from June 24-27, 2023. There are social opportunities, plenary sessions on 'The Daring Endeavor of Being Church,' mission projects, entertainment, and a conference-wide worship gathering (to which ALL are welcome) on Sunday morning at 10am. The opportunities are different each day, but all Wisconsin Congregational Church members are invited to attend Sunday's activities free of charge. While there is more information on this opportunity on page 9 of this newsletter, we encourage all who have any interest in learning more to attend the information session scheduled to take place after worship on Sunday, May 7. Of course, if you are unable to attend on May 7, I welcome any calls/emails/conversations to share more with you directly!

One of the most important (and yet easily ignored) aspects of the Congregational Way is the essential nature of the fellowship that we share with one another. The result of that tendency, however, is that we increasingly gravitate away from our autonomous roots as we are more and more drawn to the convenience of that siloed independency. These two gatherings are ready-made opportunities for us to claim, anew, the importance of that fellowship. I hope that you will join me at one, or both, as they gather in these coming weeks

In Faith, ***Marty***

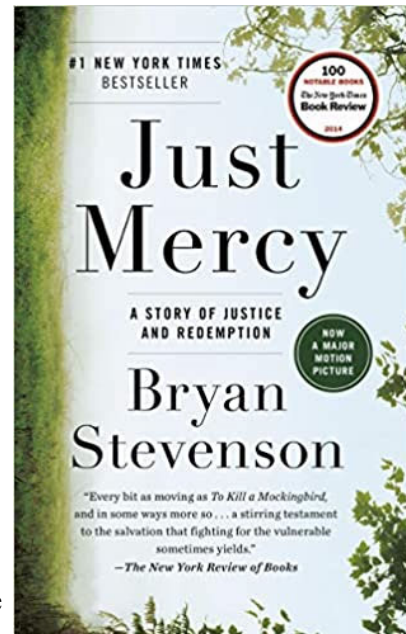
## FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

The next selection for our Tuesday Book Group will be *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson also wrote the introduction to a previous book group selection, *The Sun Does Shine*. *Just Mercy* has won multiple awards including the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

Amazon describes *Just Mercy* in this way:

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.



**Orders for *Just Mercy* are due to Kerrin no later than Thursday, May 4.**

As always, everyone is welcome to join in the reading and thoughtful discussion that happens on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 via Zoom or 10:00 in person.

We will continue reading our current selection, *A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence*, during most of May. We anticipate starting *Just Mercy* in late May or early June.



## Thursday Bible Study: 9am

Please join us on Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30, as we study the Psalms and the life of David. We meet upstairs in the Owl Room or you can join us on Zoom. All are welcome!

The Zoom link is found in Marty's Monday email.

*If you have any questions, or would like to receive more communication about our study groups, contact anyone in the church office.*



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## EVENING PRAYER Online

### Reminder:

Evening Prayer continues on Monday evenings at 7pm.  
Same Zoom link each week. Same blessed fellowship.

For more information, please contact the church office.

All are welcome to jump in at any time!

# LOAVES AND FISHES

## May 16, 2023



Loaves & fishes  
— MINISTRY —

### CASSEROLES

### DESSERTS

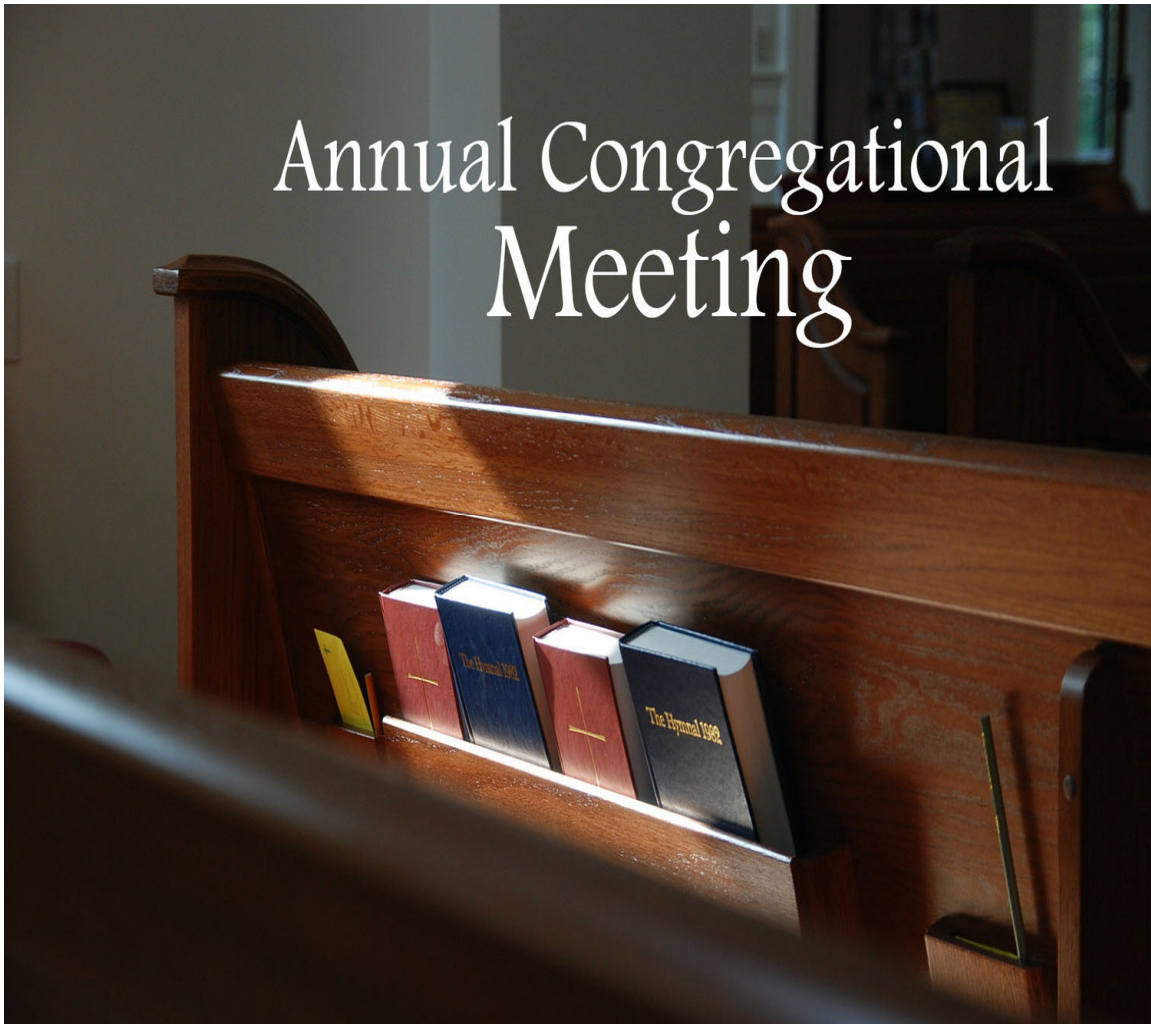
Streich	Hilyard
Barsch	Fleck
Bartlett	Arnold
George	Nelson
Petersen	Nelson
Tollefsen	Holmes
Block	Navarro
Doty-Webb	Tornetta
Anderson, B	Zimmer
	Dowsett
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	<i>Single batch ~30</i>
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### DRIVERS

Osborne	Croysdale	-----
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### SERVERS

Tollefsen	Barsch
Tollefsen	Dallman
Hilyard	Scharnweber
Hilyard	Schimpf, B



The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation, voting on the nominations and reviewing the annual reports of our church leadership, will take place **immediately after the 10am worship service on Sunday, May 21**. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report will be emailed, and available for pickup, beginning May 14.

# THE CHURCH IN FLIGHT!

## WISCONSIN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOP 2023

WHEN YOUR CHURCH HAS BEEN TOSSED INTO TURBULENCE, IT'S BEST TO CONSIDER  
WHERE WE'RE AT AND PREPARE FOR A SAFE LANDING.

WHAT ARE THE NEW CURRENTS IN  
CHURCH?

WHERE DOES OUR MISSIONAL COMPASS  
POINT NOW?

ARE WE IN CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY?

CAN WE REDUCE UNNECESSARY STRESS?

HOW CAN WE IMAGINE POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR  
LOCAL CHURCH?



**MAY 6TH, 2023**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
1511 CHURCH ST, WAUWATOSA, WI**





risky proposition — dangerous mission — precarious adventure

bold responsibility

THE **daring**  
**endeavor** OF

# Being Church

*Sheraton Milwaukee - Brookfield*

*June 24-27, 2023*

*(Attendance is free for all WCA church members on Sunday, June 25!)*

**Registration is open** for the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Church, set to take place in **Brookfield from June 24-27**. Members are welcome to register for any and all events, but there are particular opportunities for Wisconsin churches to participate in Sunday's events for free, as well as to attend a special dinner and reception at the Harley Davidson Museum on Monday. Please watch your emails and upcoming publications for more details on registration, and see Marty if you have any questions.

## May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am PEO AM 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library) 7:00pm BCE (Youth Room)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am NACCC Annual Meeting Information Session (Chapel) 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski Preaching 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes 7:00pm Council</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Confirmation Binder Completion Date 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Celebration Sunday Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting Followed by Fellowship 4:00pm Confirmation Family Cookout</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga</p>

**Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

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6:30pm Midweek Manna  
7:30pm Fellowship

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9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)  
9:30am Yoga  
6:00pm Handbell Choir  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

5

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
(Zoom and offsite)  
7:30pm RR Historical Society

6

WCA Annual Meeting and Summit  
(FCC Wauwatosa)  
9:00am OEAnon - Friendship  
Lounge  
10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer  
- Friendship Lounge

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6:30pm Midweek Manna with the  
Rev. Rob Fredrickson Preach-  
ing  
7:30pm Fellowship

11

9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)  
9:30am Yoga  
6:00pm Handbell Choir  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

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6:30am Men's Bible Study  
(Zoom and offsite)

13

9:00am OEAnon - Friendship  
Lounge

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8:30am Quilters (Full Day)  
6:30pm Midweek Manna  
7:30pm Fellowship

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9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)  
9:30am Yoga  
6:00pm Handbell Choir  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

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6:30am Men's Bible Study  
(Zoom and offsite)

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9:00am OEAnon - Friendship  
Lounge  
11:00am Bob Patterson Memorial

24

6:30pm Midweek Manna  
7:30pm Fellowship

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7:00pm Chancel Choir

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### EASTER LENTEN HYGIENE DRIVE

The shopping cart was overflowing for our special Lenten drive this year. We donated approximately 150 different bags and boxes of needed hygiene products. Thanks to all who carted rolls of TP, tubes of toothpaste, bottles of lotion and bars of soap into church for distribution to The House of Peace. You made someone's day just a little brighter!



### SOLES FOR JESUS

We were unable to pin down a date to serve in May, but have scheduled two dates this summer. We hope you can join in on **June 13 or August 8 from 6 to 8pm**. Sign up links will be available as we get closer.



## ST. BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

A big thanks to our Confirmation Class which provided four casseroles and filled eight serving slots at St. Ben's on April 18. **May 16 is our next date** to provide meals and serve. With any questions, please contact Dona at [donawininsky@gmail.com](mailto:donawininsky@gmail.com).



## REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

We will be making bag lunches together in the kitchen immediately after the service on **May 7**. Contact Jane Ford with any questions at [janer1975@gmail.com](mailto:janer1975@gmail.com).



## JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

JOMM continues its good work, so we must continue ours – the next time you are at the grocery, remember to pick up an extra jar of peanut butter or can of corn and drop it off under the portico. Many thanks to the loyal folks who help fill the bin each month.





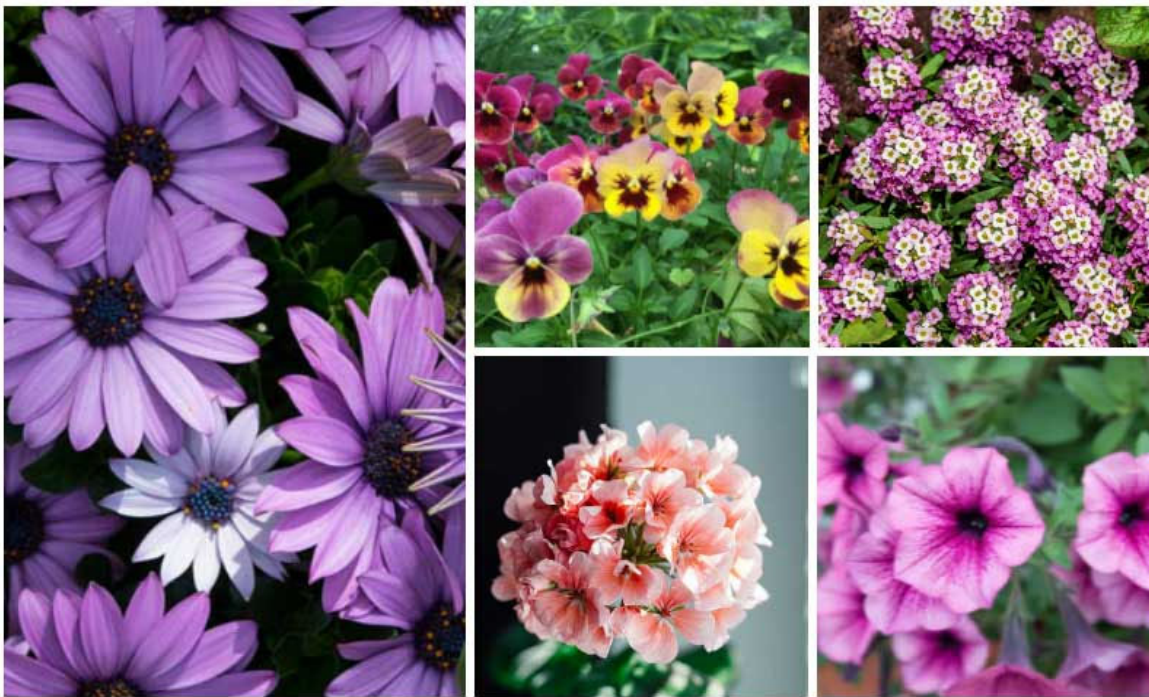
## WORSHIP MATTERS



**Midweek Manna continues to meet each week – Wednesdays at 6:30pm.**

If you would be interested in hosting the post-worship fellowship after one of our upcoming Midweek Manna services (bringing a few treats and beverages to share), please contact Sharon Hall at [disneyfamily01@gmail.com](mailto:disneyfamily01@gmail.com). We have been blessed with rich fellowship after these weekly services and would love to expand the group of those helping to foster this new portion of our church life.

## SPRING FUNDRAISER



We are excited to be bringing a spring fundraiser back again this year - We will be offering beautiful hanging baskets, patio pots, and gift cards from **Bayside Garden Center**. Profits will help to finish our updates to the **baby and toddler room**. Sales will be offered online and at church on Sundays from **May 1-14**. Items will be available for pick up at Church on May 20 & 21.

Please use the link here to order:

<https://form.jotform.com/231144393679160>

## ITEMS OF NOTE

### What's Coming Next?

*Please let us know!*



Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college, or completing a different degree or training program? We'd like to know what the teens and young adults are doing next and plan to feature this information in our June newsletter. Please send any relevant information to Marty at [MartinHall@NSCChurchWI.org](mailto:MartinHall@NSCChurchWI.org) sometime **between now and May 15**.



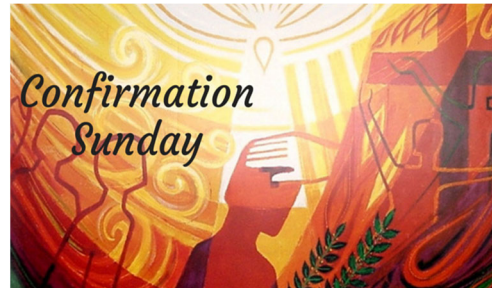
Please note that the office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 29. The staff will return to the office first thing Tuesday morning.

**Marty** will be **out of the office from May 8-14** and will return on Monday, May 15. He will be available by cell phone in the case of an emergency.





**Mark your calendars...Confirmation Sunday** has been set for **June 11, 2023**. These young members of our church family have been exploring their faith over the course of this year, and we pray that our congregation will join us as we celebrate their confirmation, with them, during our 10am service.



Join us in the chapel, immediately following worship on **May 7**, to learn more about the **opportunities available with the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in Brookfield in June**. As one of the host churches of this year's conference, there are special opportunities available to us. Whether you want to attend the entire conference, or might want to come for a single event, come learn more about what the opportunities are and how to sign up!



Join us for our **Celebration Sunday** worship on Sunday, **May 21, at 10am**. We will celebrate, during worship, the gifts of those who lead our ministries in so many ways, and will move straight from that service into the Annual Meeting of our congregation. We hope to see you there.





## **Wisconsin Congregational Association - Summer Camp**

A week-long faith-based program for youth grades 3-12. WCA Camp is about strengthening connections of friendship, fellowship and faith —with yourself, with others, and most of all, with God. If you're interested in having lots of fun and meeting new friends, you'll have an awesome time!

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**JULY 9-15, 2023**

Mount Morris Camp & Conference Center  
Wautoma, WI

What do you do at camp? Worship and Sing, Stargazing, Volleyball, Small Group Discussions, Swimming, Nature Hikes, Campfires, Games, Arts and Crafts, and MORE!

For more information, contact:

Kelsey Molinari (KelseyMolinari@NSCChurchWI.org or 414.897-3455)

*Scholarship assistance is available.*



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Confirmation:

- Our confirmation journey together is quickly coming to a conclusion. Remember to mark your calendars for these key dates coming up:
  - ⇒ Monday, May 15 – Class from 6:30-8:30pm
  - ⇒ Sunday, May 21 – Completion date for all binder responsibilities
  - ⇒ Sunday, May 21 – Confirmation cookout at 4pm
  - ⇒ Sunday, June 11 – Confirmation Sunday
- Continue to watch your emails for updates.



**Midweek Manna:** Midweek Manna (Wednesdays at 6:30) continues each week. For families, please know we have some fun, accessible, children's bulletins and items to help children engage that are updated each week to work alongside the focus that evening. The setting is welcoming and casual, come see what you think!

**Music & Movement and Godly Fun:** Kids age 3, through grade 6, continue to meet each Sunday for songs, crafts, games and lessons in their newly remodeled classrooms. We start in worship at 10am and are usually dismissed to class around 10:15. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rev. Hall or Kelsey Molinari.



**KidsConnect:** June 4 from 4-6pm. Kids in grades 2 through 6 are invited to an afternoon of games, fellowship, and PIZZA!

**Make a Difference!** Don't forget to see the Beyond our Walls page with opportunities to serve the community. Both Soles for Jesus and Repairers of the Breach lunch making are easy for all ages to engage in together.



Parents, always check out the **Noah's Ark shelf**. There are books, bags of items, and children's bulletins available for children to take into worship with them. We are always happy for the sight and sound of children joining in.

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